National Association of Naval Veterans Make a Better Showing Than Ever Before.



HE NATIONAL ASsociation of Naval Veterans were early 22 steamers along the signed the gallant tars, and they took

possession of them. The flagship was the W. W. O'Neil, of which Rear-Admiral B. S. Osbon took command Sunday morning, while a salute of 13 guns | Navy, and that thereafter they shall be in signalized the event. At the same time the pennons of Commodore Cyrus Sears and Fleet Capt. R. N. Hopkins were flung to the breeze from the flagstaffs of the Charlie Brown and Joe Walton, and the rank and file marched aboard the flotilla.

Most of the arriving Naval Veterans dispersed themselves over the city and spent time before the parade in sightseeing. The officers in the meanwhile were working Brooklyn; Junior Lieut., John W. Shaw, entertainingly and received rousing ovations busily to get things into shape.

A PARADE. Early Monday the streets where the Naval parade was to form and pass along were jammed with spectators. The veterans tumbled out from the gay quarters on board the river fleet and got ready. The procession moved at 9:30, for Admiral Osbon had issued his orders with the precision and ease of a man who knew his business, and he had able officers under his command who understood how to execute them.

The Mary Logan Cadets, composed of young ladies from Columbus, O., were the feature of the line. With their jaunty uniforms they marched like West Pointers. Gov. Pattison was in the parade and was kept busy doffing his silk hat to the spectators.

Post 400, of Philadelphia, was cheered and applauded all along the line. The Post marched with military precision and bearing. Seven members of the crew of the Kearsarge when she engaged the Alabama marched along with surprising agility for men of their age and service. Famous flags

ans of Ohio acted as escort of honor. The | Signal Corps owes its existence. ladies of the Naval Association were in car- J. L. Prey, of White House, O., presided, that the Union might not be dissolved." of Baltimore, dressed in a regular big-col-The daughter of the association attracted much attention.

of the Hartford, and who lashed Admiral | Chap., John S. Speer, Canonsburg. Farragut to the rigging at the battle of Mobile Bay. He is a member of S. C. Rowan Association, of Baltimore.

Another naval veteran in line was Austin Quimby, of Salem, Mass., President of the Kearsarge Veteran Association of that city. Quimby was on board the Kearsarge when it met the rebel privateer Alabama, and fought with the bow-gun squad. He fired the first three and the last shot directed against the rebel ship.

A tattered battleflag, riddled by Confederate shot, was with the Rock River Naval Veterans. It flew at the jack-staff of the monitor Winnebago at the battle of Mobile, and is the property of the commander of the association, Capt. V. D. Woodruff.

Nearly 1,000 ex-seamen, representing some 8,000 members scattered over the country, participated. It was the largest turnout, and the finest in point of appearance in the history of the organization.

A DOG-WATCH. In the evening the Old City Hall was Robert L. Orr, Philadelphia; J. V. C., Alexcrowded with blue jackets and their friends, ander Mack, New London, Conn.; Chap., The hall was profusely decorated for the T. Norton, New York; Q. M., James R. occasion. A ship's bell occupied the center | Durham, Washington, D. C. of the front of the stage, hidden from those in the body of the hall by bunting. On the O'Bierne, of Philadelphia, Col. William A. stage were the National officers of the asso- Orr, Senior Vice-Commander, presided. J. ciation, a good many of the shipmates, C. Matthews was Secretary. Mayor McKenna, of Pittsburg; Mayor Kennedy, of Allegheny; Chairman D. C. Ripley, of the Citizens' Executive Board; Rear-Ad-A good many ladies graced the occasion by their presence, and a Grand Army band, stationed at one side, stood ready to discourse | medals. martial music to an unlimited extent.

The proceedings that followed were called W. J. Patterson, of the Committee on Campfires, who introduced Gov. Pattison. Gov. Pattison was in fine voice for a patri-

otic utterance, and he dwelt upon historic naval engagements in a manner that won him rounds of applause from the big audience. He told of the "Battle of the Kegs," and dwelt on Farragut's exploits in Mobile Bay, growing every minute more enamored of his subject and eloquent in phrase.

The Governor had begun to speak at about 8:15 o'clock, and he was in the middle of a glowing sentence of eulogism on the naval heroes of the war when the resonant peal of the watch bell rang through the ship, striking one bell, or 8:30 o'clock. The bell was big, and its volume of sound great, and Quartermaster Hartman Coleman was entirely unconscions of the result of his "pulling the time." His orders were to strike the bells, and whether it blew high or blew low, whether the "old man" had the deck or from the Department of New York. Her was "on watch below," was indifferent to response was fittingly couched in graceful him. His orders were to "give the time." | verse.

resumed his seat, Mayor McKenna spoke in welcome and compliment to the veterans. Chairman D. C. Ripley was then introduced, and he said he was proud to welcome the old shipmates and comrades who had

left there and of what they had done for the Union upon the water.

declared the ship Hartford in commission, steps of the Government building, on Smith- tion he said: "I am in the sere and yellow meaning the hall. Pictures of Farragut and field street, in the presence of a vast con- leaf. In two more days I shall be relegated Porter and the engagement between the Kearsarge and the Alabama as the rear walls was made by Judge F. H. Collier, of Pittswere unvailed amid the applause of the au- burg, and was responded to by Charles G. the Stars and Stripes as sacred as did we of dience. Admiral Ashworth then made an Davis, National President of the Association. | the G.A.R." eloquent speech retrospective of the scenes of the United States Navy.

Rear-Admiral then concluded the exereises with a stirring speech that brought the veterans to feet.

BUSINESS SESSIONS.

After the parade in the morning had disbanded the delegates proceeded to the Allegheny County Courthouse, where the annual Convention of the Association was called to order. Thirty-four Associations were represented. Rear-Admiral Osbon, of New York, made a long address, embodying his report for the year. In part he said:

I must congratulate all hands upon the marked carnestness and zeal which has pervaded our body during the entire year. The tone of the Order has been largely increased and elevated, and to-day we are stronger and more powerful for good than at any period in our history. Our recognition is more extended, our influence greater and our esprit du corps better than many organizations of like character whose charters antedate ours by many years. Our numerical gains have been larger and our losses by death and other causes very small, and we have many reasons for congratulation. When this convention adjourned last year at Indianapolis the National Association was practically without any funds in its treasury, owing to the defalcation of the Fieet Paymaster whom we

had elected at Detroit, and in whom everyons

placed the utmost reliance. Not a dolla? was left,

and the entire visible assets were not valued at \$.0,

and he had also relegated to us a legacy of unpaid bills and tangied accounts, which latter it has been so far impossible to straighten out, although every effort has been made to do so. Yet in the year we have swept away our entire indebtedness save one small bill, while every account incurred during the year's administration has been promptly paid.

The election of officers was the next special order. Capt. Osbon announced that, having already served four terms, he was not a candidate for re-election, and by a unanimous vote B. F. Allen, of Hartford, Conn., was chosen as Rear-Admiral Commanding for the ensuing term. The Convention then adjourned until the following

At the next day's session it was decided to permit local Associations to elect Commoon the ground, or dores, if they desired. A committee was rather the water, for appointed to memorialize and work with members of Congress for the passage of a bill to so amend the laws regarding enlisted men in the United States Navy that deserving men of suitable age, who have served meritoriously and deem themselves capable of passing an examination, may apply to the President of the United States for permission for examination, and, if found qualified, be appointed officers of the junior grade in the the line of premotion, subject to the same laws as though graduated from the Naval

NEW OFFICERS. choice of Will G. Atkins, Cincinnati, Commedore; George C. Ireland, Brooklyn, Captain; G. W. Shaw, Zanesville, O., Commander; Joseph J. Gilman, Boston, Lieutenant-Commander. The other officers sonalities to recall. Comrades prominent in elected are: Senior Lient., E. D. Bliss, the Order and beloved of the veterans talked Bath, Me.; Paymaster, E. F. Dustin, Provi- at both beginning and close. The time passed dence, R. L; Surg., Lorenzo Travers, M. D., Providence, R. I.; Fleet Engineer, William L. Orr, Chicago; Chap., R. L. De Mott, Warren, Me.; Judge-Advocate, Charles J. Cowley, Lowell, Mass.

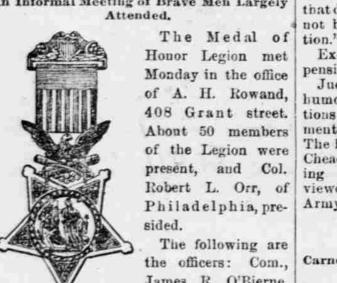
SIGNALING THEIR DUTY. Survivors of One of the Most Important Branches of the Service Meet.



IGNAL SERVICE Corps Veterans held their 18th annual Reunion in Columbia While very little is known of this branch of the service, vet it is one of the most important. The idea of organizing the corps

riages. Review took place on Cedar avenue. and Charles D. W. Marcy acted as Secretary. I. F. Mack, Past Commander of the De At the head of the Naval Veterans of More than 100 members were present, repre- partment of Ohio, was the next speaker. He Maryland marched Miss Rosie McGainey, senting nearly every State in the Union. is not a pensioner, and so spoke on pensions lared naval uniform, with a jaunty cap, car- W. H. Holmes, Independence, Iowa; V.-P.'s, the following facts: "Some one has said that rying a sword and decorated with medals. Dr. W. H. Fulton, Pittsburg; A. O. Kave- the paying of pensions is a burden on the One of the conspicuous figures was John | Marcy, Boston; Historian, J. Willard, Bos- is accumulated by public taxation. If you H. Knowles, who was Signal Quartermaster ton; Q.-M., Evan Russell, Williamsport; will read the last Cleveland platform you

An Informal Meeting of Brave Men Largely



the officers: Com., James R. O'Bierne, New York; S. V. C.,

In the absence of the Commander, Gen. J.

Col. Orr spoke of the bill to grant Cougressional Legion of Honor medals to those for you are the princes of the realm, the soldiers who had voluntarily remained in miral Osbon, and other naval celebrities. the service after their time had expired, and certain others. The members present were vigorously opposed to the granting of these

"If medals are to be awarded for actsother than those known as meritorious deeds a Dog-watch. It was opened by Chairman of bravery," said Mr. Bennett, "the insignias we wear will have no special character." Chairman Orr said that the die for the medals of the Honor Legion had been broken, and that the remaining medallions

were in possession of the Government. A committee was appointed to see that the destruction of the die be preserved, consisting of the following: O. W. Bennett, Philadelphia; James R. Durham, Washington, D. C.; Charles M. Betts, Philadelphia; Col. Robert L. Orr, Philadelphia, and Maj. Marion T. Anderson, Washington, D. C.

More Acknowledgments. The National Aids, through Abbie Lynch. Past National Senior Vice-President, presented W.R.C. National President Mink with an elegant diamond ring. The presentation address was most beautiful.

sented a golden apple, with a heart of coin, armies." After the sensation which this incident | Department President Clare H. Burleigh,

glass of water-an exquisite little gem. recipients of a handsome banner, presented | fame." Executive Officer Daniel Ashworth then tion. The banner was presented from the Chief Adams. After a humorous introduc-

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The Campfire brings back many memories of old days in the field, in the trenches, in the camp, on the march. Many Campfires were held at Pittsburg, some of them grand The election for officers resulted in the affairs. The old army rations were issued, pipes and tobacco were brought out and the cheery fire was lighted. There were good stories to tell, interesting incidents and perall too rapidly.

> TALKING ABOUT PENSIONS. The Principal Topic at the Campfire of Post

> 41, of Lawrenceville. At a Campfire of Col. O. H. Rippey Post, 41, of Lawrenceville, Tuesday evening, Corp'l Tanner presided. Forty-fourth street Presbyterian Church was beautifully decorated with flags and banners. The fine music and

> large crowd made the occasion most enjoy-

All the speakers praised the hospitality Hall Wednesday. of the people of Pittsburg. The Corporal was introduced by J. C. Kennedy and loudly applauded. He said it gave him great pleas-

ure to be present. "It was with no uncertainty of the reception that we were to receive that we came," he continued. "Our only regret was that we could not return with the same appetites we had when we visited you in the stirring was originated by Dr. days of the war. We realize that we are that floated over many a hot engagement Albert J. Miller, a Mexican War veteran. only the remnants of a rank, and the men He introduced the idea during 1861, and it is you saw in the parade to-day were only a The First Regiment of the Sons of Veter- due to his efforts the present admirable skeleton of that mass of humanity which went to the front and fought, bled and died

The following officers were elected: Pres, from an unpartisan standpoint. He gave naugh, Louisville, and J. C. Douahaur, Min- Government. Every year \$150,000,000 is neapolis; Sec. and Treas., Chas. D. W. paid out in pensions. Not one cent of this will find an item which says that the only remaining war tax is the tax on liquor and MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION. tobacco. From this source the money is derived. There is not a nation in Europe that does not care for its soldiers. We should not be asked to be a charitable organiza-

Ex-Admiral B. S. Osbon also spoke on

Judge R. H. Cochran, of Ohio, delivered a humorous address, and said that the decora-408 Grant street. tions in Pittsburg in honor of the Encampment exceeded any that he has ever seen. The last speaker on the program was Jos. B. Cheadle, of Indiana. He spoke of the thrilling experiences of soldier life and re-Robert L. Orr, of viewed the aims and objects of the Grand Philadelphia, pre- Army of the Republic.

> NOTABLE SPEECHES. Carnegie Hall the Scene of a Monster Gather-

ing of Eager Listeners. A large Campfire was held in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny City, on Tuesday, and the big audience of 2,000 persons was treated to some notable speeches. That of Past Commanderin-Chief Wm. Warner come first, and was followed by Congressman William A. Stone, who was delegated to welcome the G.A.R.

to the city. He said : "We have had many honored visitors within our gates, but never have we rendered more reverence to guests than we do to you, knights and nobles of the land. You were our hope in the troublous times of war; you are our pride and glory now. We cannot now give you the city; you have already

captured it." No one received such deafening applause as Gov. McKinley. Hats and handkerchiefs were waved and many shouted, "Three cheers for our next President!" Gov. McKinley

"I do not believe that a single soldier in this country ever thought of a pension when he enlisted in the Union army. He did not know what the pay would be, nor did he care. And they talk of the veterans looting the Treasury. You would not have had a Treasury, nor a flag, nor a country, if it had not been for them. And I believe that these heroes are deserving of the best treatment at the hands of the Government they served. I am opposed to excessive pensions, but I believe a soldier once pensioned should remain a pensioner until his death, unless declared unworthy by a competent court. That's the voice of the G.A.R., of righteousness and justice. I insist that my comrades shall not be stabled in the Department President Kate E. Jones predark. Pensioners are cheaper than standing D. C., Treasurer; Mrs. Mary J. Reynolds, of

Gen. R. A. Alger said he thought Pittsburg had outdone all the other towns who

had ever entertained them. caused had subsided, and the Governor had who is poet, orator, musician, and woman of Pittsburg is in Pennsylvania. I want to And Gov. Pattison: "This is because affairs in one, presented an oil-painting. remind those here of that grand leader, The subject was a bunch of sweet peas in a Andrew G. Curtin, who, though lying on a bed of illness in declining years, is still The veterans of the Allegheny County moved by a spirit as patriotic and vigorous Association of ex-Prisoners of War were the as that which in the '60s lent him eternal

to them by the Ladies' Auxiliary Associa- The next speaker was Commander-in-

EX-PRISONERS CAMPFIRE.

Maj. A. P. Burchfield, Gen. Bliss, Comrade I. F. Mack and Others Speak. At the Old City Hall, on Wednesday night, noble audience gathered to enjoy the Campfire of the Union Ex-Prisoners of War Association. The only unpleasant feature of the meeting was that a number of the speakers were unable to make themselves heard in the large hall. The first speaker was Maj. A. P. Burchfield, who welcomed his fellow ex-prisoners, and referred feelingly to the 13,000 graves of his comrades and associates at Andersonville. Past National President Thomas H. McKee, of Washington, followed.

Gen. Bliss, of Michigan, also made a pleasing address; and then Chairman Sherriff introduced John W. January, of North Dakota, the man who amputated both his own feet in Andersonville Prison, when the rebel Surgeon refused to do it to save his life. Mr. January combined humor and pathos in a way that was greatly appreciated by his auditors.

I. F. Mack, of Sandusky, O., spoke in the place of Judge Harvey White, of Indiana,

who was unable to be present. He made the address of the evening. Comrade Mack said there were more men died in Andersonville than in English prisons in seven years.

"The ex-prisoners of war," he declared, are entitled to some extra consideration at the hands of the Government. Gen. Grant not only said he couldn't exchange prisoners, but that one unexchanged prisoner was worth as much as two men in the field. In that view of the case he had done two men's work, but never got more than one man's pay. When released from prison they were shabbily treated by the Government. They AMPFIRES, NEXT | were shipped to New York, dumped on the wharf in rags, dirty, full of sores, and suffercomrades of his regi- ing from scurvy. Then they were sent to Governor's Island, and a lot of young doctors sent over to experiment with them. They dried up the scurvy sores, and sent the poison back in their blood, and that killed many of them."

National President Davis, of Boston, next addressed the meeting, and Miss Daisy I. tunity do their shares | Tittle, of Cincinnati, daughter of the regiment, and mascot of the National Association of Naval Veterans, recited "What Han-

cock Did at Gettysburg." A feature of the proceedings was the Tingle Quartet of Columbus Grove, O., which with pertinent applications.

The Sons' Campfire.

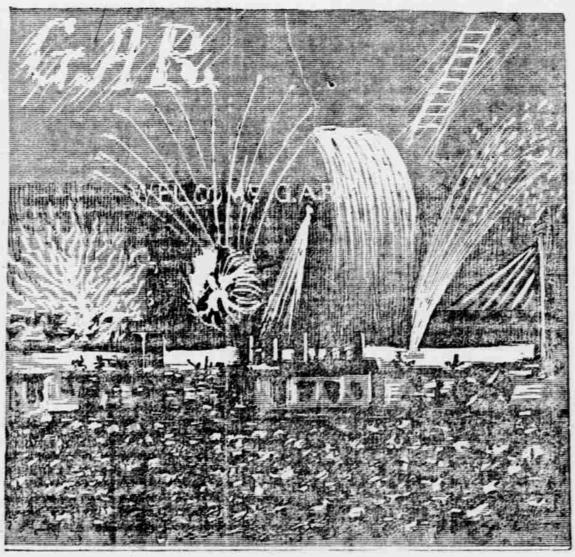
The Campfire of the Sons of Veterans was held in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, last night. Osbon, of the same organization, and others. Judge Slagle said he was in favor of the he could influence it, they would be per- | could be had was filled with people.

GRAND FINALE.

Display of Pyrotechnics Such as Pittsburg Never Saw Before.

> tivities was a display of fireworks over the Monongahela River. The brilliancy of the spectacle and the immensity of the crowd of spectators caused it to be said: "The like was never seen since the beginning of the world." There were not less than 200,000

sang a number of its own compositions, all | people lining the shores and packing the bridges and swarming on every nearby roof. The population of Greater Pittsburg started simultaneously for the points of observation, previously chosen in its several minds, with the falling of night. The wharf between Alfred Lloyd presided, and the speakers Smithfield and Ferry streets was a muchwere Judge J. F. Slagle, Rev. G. L. Arman, sought quarter. The flats from which the Fleet Chaplain of the Naval Veterans; B. A. display took place were stationed near the south bank of the river, nearly opposite Mar-Sons of Veterans as an organization, and, if ket street. The vast slope as far as a view If You Were Not There, Send for One.



JUST AN IDEA OF HOW IT LOOKED.

mitted to sit side by side with the members

of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Rev. Mr. Arman paid a high tribute to the organization, and said the time was fast approaching when the number of the Grand Army men would be few, as they were fast dying off, and the Sons of Veterans | clouds, forests, and a grand illumination of should be permitted to affiliate with the the wharves. The greatest burst of enthusi-G.A.R., that these young men might take a place in the ranks when the veterans dropped

Veteran War Musicians. The first annual Campfire of the National Association of War Musicians at Carnegie Hall, Wednesday, was attended by about 2,000 people. It was opened with reveile by Le Roy Van Horn. Capt. Paul F. Rohr- of the display were a flight of illuminated bacher followed with a speech, and intro-

Comrade Watson went to the front as drummer-boy when only 16 years of age. dies. Miss Belle Kennedy, of Ohio, sang; William H. Smith, of Kansas, spoke of John Brown ; Thomas Kay, of Philadelphia, sang 'The Sixties"; Miss Mary Brockway sang 'Marching Through Georgia," and Le Roy blast of "taps,"

Ladies of the G.A.R. The Ladies of the G.A.R. Convention was held for three days in the German Evangelical Church. There was a very large attendance of delegates. Mrs. Amanda I. Wethern, of Anoka, called the Convention to order. Ex-Rear-Admiral B. S. Osbon, of the Naval Veterans, was among those who called to pay respects to the Convention. Mrs. Chas.

F. Sherriff, accompanied by a number of Pittsburg women, called and presented the President with a handsome basket of roses. Mrs. Charles W. Gerwig was made Assistant to the National Secretary. The report of the National Inspector, Mrs. Mary E. Gordon, of Kansas, showed that the

organization has over 10,000 members, and expended \$35,000 during the year. Mrs. Nettie E. Gunlock, of Chicago, Past Department President of Illinois, was chosen National President; Mrs. Etta Toby, of Indidiana, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Anna M. Hall, of West Virginia, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Florence E. George, Washington,

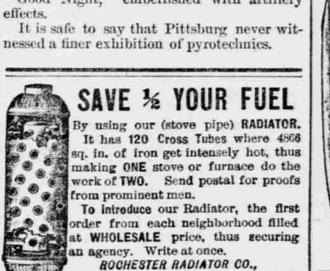
Minnesota, Chaplain; Mrs. Amanda I. Weth-

ern, Counselor.

The 13 original States were shown in the air by lights pendant from a balloon and the 44 present States were similarly represented. There were hosts of rockets, producing brilliant chromatic effects; there were serpents, asm came when the American flag was displayed a half mile or so above the earth. The mass of people became very quiet when they saw a balloon rise from one of the barges, and when the torch ignited the folds which swung from the bar and "Old Glory" spread out against the sky, a mighty shout went up from the whole concourse.

Among the innumerable beautiful features tombillons forming a cascade of fire; flight of duced as Chairman Maj. Harry Watson, of 24-inch shells, forming jeweled clouds; discharge of 36-inch bombs; Aladdin's jeweled tree with sunflower wheel changeable; floating device, the letters G.A.R. 1,000 feet high Maj. H. S. Cohen, of Louisville, made a detached from mammoth rockets; grand exrousing address highly complimenting hibition of submarine illuminated explosions-Pittsburg for her hospitality. The Jubilee bombs exploding under water, sending up Singers of Louisville sang plantation melo- water illuminated with colored fire; flights of asteroids discharging in mid-air changeable colored stars; salvos of electric shells; panorama of fire formed by floating colored lights; performing elephant "Jumbo," an immense animal in fire, moving as if alive; grand trans-Van Horn closed the exercises with a bugle | formation device—a bouquet of forget-me-nots changing to a portrait of Gen. U. S. Grant; grand cascade of fire representing falls 200 feet long; mammoth bombs discharging fiery dragons and serpents; finale exhibition piece, "Good Night," embellished with artillery

> It is safe to say that Pittsburg never witnessed a finer exhibition of pyrotechnics.



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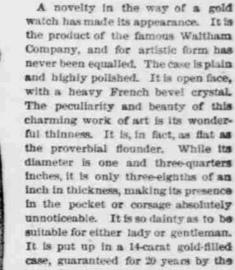
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